

## Memorandum

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Subject : Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area - Avian Issues

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) has been participating in discussions for approximately two years on a plan of action for the Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area to reduce avian mortality. Regular meetings at the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) offices were attended by staff representing the USFWS, California Energy Commission (CEC), Altamont wind energy companies and the consulting firms of WEST, Inc. and BioResource Consultants. DFG and Alameda County staffs participated less frequently, but were informed of the status of these discussions.

These meetings provided a forum to work through ideas about ways to reduce avian mortality. At these meetings, the CEC provided much of the relevant information including monthly progress reports, preliminary results, and draft documents for review and comment.

We appreciate the participation of the CEC throughout this process. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact Janice Gan, Environmental Scientist, at (209) 835-6910; or Scott Wilson, Habitat Conservation Supervisor, at (707) 944-5584.

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